

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 4-5 and 7-8 and allowability of claim 9 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1, 3, 10-20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Allowable claims 4, 5, and 7 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of base claim 1 and any intervening claims in the manner kindly suggested by the Examiner in page 5 of the Office Action. Claims 2 and 6 have been amended to depend from rewritten claims 4 and 5, respectively. Allowable claim 8 and allowed claim 9 remain unchanged. The specification has been amended in the manner kindly suggested by the Examiner in page 2 of the Office Action.

The claim objections and rejections are moot in view of the above amendments.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims, i.e., claims 2 and 4-9, are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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